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SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

In response to the Office Action of March 7, 2007, entry of the foregoing amendment is respectfully requested for the purpose of placing the application in condition for allowance, or alternatively, in better condition for appeal. Entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested to replace the Amendment filed June 7, 2007 in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated June 13, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.